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In re Application of: Star *et al.*

Art Unit: 1641

Application No. 09/881,446

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For: RAPID FLUORESCENT LABELING OF  
TISSUE FOR MICRODISSECTION USING  
FLUORESCENT SPECIFIC BINDING AGENTS

Examiner: Gary W. Counts

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 6

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This is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement, dated September 27, 2002, for which a one-month period for reply was set. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, making a response due on or before November 27, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Examiner's Group V, drawn to a method for immunofluorescently labeling tissue that preserves biological molecules, with traverse, and request that the Restriction Requirement be modified in light of the arguments presented herein.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for microdissecting tissue, comprising:  
labeling a sample of the tissue according to the method of claim 35;  
identifying a component of interest in the sample to which the fluorescent specific binding agent binds by detecting fluorescence of the component of interest in the tissue; and  
microdissecting components of interest from the tissue.
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